

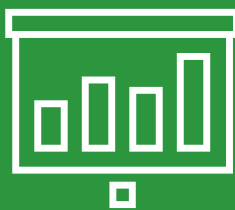


2026/2027

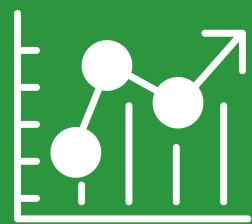
Global Mentorship Pilot Program



**Knowledge
Exchange**



**Skill
Development**



**Long-term
Professional
Growth**

Pursue clinical, research, or mixed-focus mentorship tracks.

GRAPPA Mentorship Pilot Program – 2026/2027

An Initiative of the GRAPPA Education and Research Committees

The Group for Research and Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis (GRAPPA) is pleased to launch the **2026/2027 Mentorship Pilot Program**, a strategic initiative designed to foster meaningful, structured mentorship relationships across our global network. This program is a collaborative effort of the **Education and Research Committees** and reflects GRAPPA's commitment to developing the next generation of leaders in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis research and clinical care.

The program will support both virtual and hybrid mentorship models:

- **Virtual Mentorship:** A structured, 6–12 month engagement conducted entirely online, guided by mutually agreed-upon goals and milestones.
- **Hybrid Mentorship with Observership:** Eligible mentees may apply for up to **\$7,500 USD** in support to fund a 2–4 week in-person observership, embedded within a 6–12 month virtual mentorship.

This initiative emphasizes skill development, knowledge exchange, and long-term professional growth, with opportunities to pursue **clinical, research, or mixed-focus mentorship tracks**.

Application Timeline & Phased Process

To ensure strong alignment between mentor offerings and mentee goals, the program will proceed in two distinct phases:

Phase 1: Mentor Applications (Deadline: December 15, 2025)

Phase 2: Mentee Applications (Opens January 1, 2026; Deadline: March 1, 2026)

Phase 1: Mentor Applications **(Deadline: December 15, 2025)**

Who may apply: Faculty-level clinicians or researchers who are active GRAPPA members. Mentors and mentees may not be from the same institution.

Mentor application requirements (submitted with a Letter of Intent via the GRAPPA Mentorship Portal):

- Detailed CV (including academic affiliation, clinical training, academic education, and current roles; publications; awards; grants; presentation; experience in supervision of trainees; other mentorship experience).
- GRAPPA membership status and prior involvement.
- Description of site offerings (clinical setting, research infrastructure, training resources).
- Type of mentorship proposed (clinical, research, or hybrid).
- Areas of expertise and anticipated focus (clinical, research, specific methodologies).
- Opportunities for skill development (e.g., ultrasound, trial design, biomarker analysis, methodology).
- Anticipated cost estimates for observership (travel, lodging, visa considerations).
- Anticipated mentorship duration (6–12 months, specifying expected on-site time if hybrid).
- Any site-specific requirements (visa, credentialing, institutional approvals).

Selection Criteria for Mentors:

- Demonstrated commitment to education and mentorship.
- Alignment of expertise with GRAPPA's strategic priorities.
- Breadth of opportunities provided (clinical exposure, research training, or both).
- Institutional support and feasibility for hosting mentees.
- Geographic diversity of sites.

Following review, GRAPPA will compile and circulate a **mentor directory** for prospective mentees.

Phase 2: Mentee Applications **(Opens January 1, 2026; Deadline: March 1, 2026)**

Who may apply: Residents, post-residency fellows, and early career investigators (within 5 years of training completion).

Mentee application requirements (submitted via the GRAPPA Mentorship Portal):

- One-page personal statement describing career goals and rationale for mentorship.
- One-page description of areas of clinical and scholarly interest.
- Letter of support from current supervisor or program director.
- Biosketch or CV including information on clinical and academic training, formal education, publications, presentations, awards and any other relevant information
- Overview of skills and technical competencies (e.g., statistical programming, ultrasound, molecular techniques).

Selection Criteria for Mentees:

- Alignment of career goals with proposed mentorship.
- Potential for long-term contribution to psoriatic disease research and/or care.
- Commitment to completing program requirements and scholarly output.
- Geographic, institutional, and demographic diversity.
- Balanced distribution across clinical and research tracks.
- Mentor may request a virtual interview during the selection process.

Program Structure & Timeline

- **Mentorship Period:** Begins between **August 1 and October 31, 2026**, with completion within 12 months.
- **Observership Duration:** 2–4 weeks (minimum 2 consecutive weeks in-person for hybrid mentees).
- **Hybrid Engagement:** Ongoing pre- and post-observership virtual mentorship is expected.
- **Alternate timing requests** must include written justification from the mentee's Program Director or Chair.

Program Support

- Up to **\$7,500 USD** per mentee for direct expenses (travel, lodging, visa fees).
- Indirect costs, salaries, malpractice coverage, and institutional overhead are **not eligible**.
- All budgets are subject to review and approval by the Mentorship Committee.

Reporting & Expected Outcomes

- A **post-mentorship report** is required within one month of observership completion.
- Mentees are expected to produce a **scholarly output** (e.g., abstract submission, presentation at the GRAPPA Annual Meeting, or peer-reviewed manuscript).
- GRAPPA may highlight select mentorship experiences on its website and at educational meetings.

Legal & Indemnification

Participation in the GRAPPA Mentorship Program is voluntary. GRAPPA assumes no responsibility for personal, professional, financial, or medical exigencies during or resulting from mentorship. By participating, all mentors and mentees agree to indemnify and hold harmless GRAPPA, its officers, directors, members, employees, and agents from any claims or liabilities arising from their participation.

Learn More & Apply

Please apply online at <https://www.grappanetwork.org/mentorshipprogram/>

